

HEADLINE NEWS

May
2012

ITS COMING...ITS COMING.....AMARGOSA DAYS

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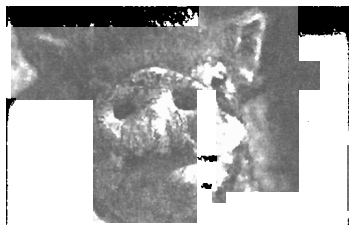
FRIDAY, MAY 11
- COMMUNITY CENTER

5:30 PM - POT LUCK
7:00 PM - TALENT SHOW
MISS/MR AMARGOSA

AMARGOSA DAY'S PET PARADE

Get your tiger by the tail,
leash your dog or cat, carry
your bird cage, pet rabbit,
hamster, gerbil, etc. Be a
part of the parade.

Assemble at 8:30AM
Saturday May 12 @ Farm
and School Road. Share
your pets with the town.



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FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Nye Regional Medical
Center's Clinical Outreach
will be offering blood
pressure checks and oxygen
levels, standard blood panel
testing, carotid ultrasound
(arteries) and more. It's a
\$1000 value and could save
your life. 9:00am -3:00pm
Community Center
Saturday May 12



SATURDAY, MAY 12 IN THE PARK

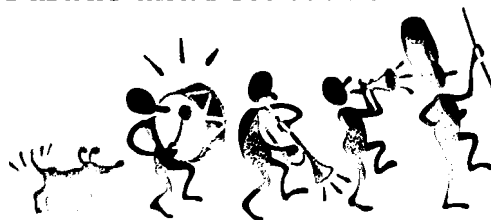
7-9am Pancake Breakfast



7:30am 2K/5K Walk/Run *Free Shirt*
\$20 (\$10 Seniors)



9 am Parade and Pet Parade



9 - 3 Health Fair (Community Center)
FREE SCREENINGS / FREE TESTS

10am Horseshoe Tournament



11am FOOD, FOOD, FOOD Hotdogs / Hamburgers

5-9 pm Music and Dancing



6 - 8 pm Chix and Ribs Barbeque



For more information go to
amargosadays.org

AROUND TOWN

MEETINGS/EVENTS

May 1 American Legion 6PM @ VFW Hall
May 8 Chamber of Commerce @ noon @ Longstreet
May 8 Library Board 5:30PM @ Library
May 8 Amateur Radio Club 6:30PM @ Senior Ctr.
May 9 Fire Department 7PM @ AVFD Hall 1
May 14 Sr. Project Council 5:30PM @ Senior Ctr.
May 15 VFW Ladies Aux. 6PM @ VFW
May 15 VFW mtg. 7PM @ VFW
May 31 Town Board Mtg. 7PM @ community ctr.

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS/STORE/ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays 1-4pm Arts & Crafts
1-5pm Senior Center Thrift Store
4th Wednesday is Ladies Billiards Night
Every Friday - Open billiards night 5:30pm

THRIFT SHOP

We've got lots of new items at the Senior Center Thrift Shop, open Wed. 1-5PM. Just in are lots of brand new "larger size" men's pants. There is a beautiful "leather top" coffee table. Every week there are new items to check out. Rush down for great bargains.

TOWN BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Approved

- *Tentative 2012-2013 budget
- *Return of keys to town building for 'reissue'
- *Request that Nye County transfer all monies in fire dept fund back to fire dept association
- *Request that Nye County continue providing POOL/PACT insurance not exceeding \$25,000 with reimbursement from town of Amargosa operating expense fund to county
- *Send an appreciation letter to Nye Cty Administration for their help in completing the budget
- *Request matching funds from the BOCC in the amount of \$35,000 to keep clinic open

Not Approved

- *Change in paid advertising (2 to 2)
- *Combining town building and park groundskeeper positions (4/0)

Tabled

- *Town to take over landing strip not enough information and question about location

Next Town Board meeting is May 17 at 4pm (budget finalization)

VETERANS - Homeland Security and Our Community.....

will be an Agenda Topic at the **American Legion Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the VFW Hall. New Meeting Time is 7:00 p.m.** We need your input and concerns. Come join the camaraderie, and support your local community.

You are eligible to attend if you served your Country, at home or abroad, during any of the following periods: Gulf War from Aug. 2, 1990 to today;
Panama from Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990;
Lebanon and Grenada from Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984;
Vietnam from Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975;
Korea from Jun. 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 or
World War II from Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946

Contact Post Commander Bob Little at 775-442-0233 if you wish to join.

News from the Library

by Leslie Scott

The Library is now selling snacks. We are offering a small selection of cookies, chips, crackers, soda, and water. The prices will be \$0.25 to \$0.50.

Calling all world travelers! The Amargosa Valley Library will be launching the Summer Reading Program June 14th. Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the library presents "One World, Many Stories."

Children will explore places from Europe to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The Summer Reading Program is open to Kindergarten through young adults, with programs, story hours, a reading club and more. Registration for "One World, Many Stories" begins on May 30, 2011. Also, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help during the program or if you have any special skills that would be appropriate for the theme, "One World, Many Stories," please contact Osvaldo at 775-372-5340.

In addition, the Amargosa School Cafeteria will be offering free lunches with the Summer Reading Program. Lunch will be from 12:00pm to 12:30pm and the Summer Reading Program will start at 12:30 at the Community Center. For more information please call 775-372-5340 or visit our website www.amargosalibrary.com.

All programs are free of charge.

WHERE ARE THE 25 TO 40 YEAR OLDS IN AMARGOSA?

By Bonnie G.

GRANGE ORGANIZATION IS A PERFECT SOLUTION TO BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR **YOUR** CHILDREN. LET THE TOWN BOARD DO **ITS** THING, YOU DO **YOURS!**

THE GRANGE CAN SUPPORT YOU DOING THE THINGS YOU WANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

LET'S MEND THE TORN RELATIONSHIPS- DON'T LET PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT OF TOUCH DECIDE FOR YOU?

CHECK OUT RANDY AND LINDA AT AMARGOSA DAYS THEY WILL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

IN THE MEAN TIME LOOK UP **www.nationalgrange.org**

Amargosa Amateur Radio Club

We are proud to announce that some of our members are now Skywarn certified spotters. This will help convey information to the National Weather Service in Las Vegas in case of impending or actual severe weather. As always, our club strives to be prepared in case of an emergency or disaster to assist in communications when called upon for support.

Contact Archie Selbach for further information at 775-513-5780.

Contact Gene Butler for study material for licensing material at 775-372-1282

The next meeting will be May 8, 2012 at the Amargosa Senior Center at 6:30 pm. The next testing session will be at 12:00 pm June 16, 2012 at the Amargosa Community Center.

In Amargosa Valley

Saturday Market

(Community Parking Lot Sale / Swap Meet / Craft Sale)

**Cinco
de Mayo**

Sat May 5th

10am - 4pm

Church of Amargosa

1865 W Amargosa Farm, Rd 8 mi. from hwy 373, 1/4 mi past Martell Market
(95 to Valley View, to Farm Rd, Right / West 3/4 mile)

Proceeds go
toward our
Outreach

\$5 a Space

Churches & Non Profit get 1 space free

Joyfullears will supply

Bake Sale & Food

**Bring your
Own tables**

Games

**Pinata
11am
2pm**

Sponsored by

Food!

The Joyfullears Women's Ministry

Church of Amargosa

For Reservations & info call

**Come Play
Your Music!**

Debbie 775-537-7842 Rebecca 702-575-2017 Sherry 702-575-2014 or 775-372-1617

AMARGOSA POST OFFICE CLOSING.....

By Bonnie – Amargosa Postmaster

No, we are not closing yet. BUT!!!!

If you want to stay off the list or never be on a list you need to contact your congress elected officials. At a time when your local governments (State and City) are cutting back services to save money you should be demanding that the federal government add services to help you cope.

Why can't you have all federal licensing done at a secure postal computer in your area instead of driving 50 miles to the closest town that does have services? The price of gas is alienating you even more. Why can't your post office provide services like drivers license and registration services?

States are cutting back these services because they need to save money but also want you to do them on an ever increasing unsecure internet. Talk about junk mail. Have you looked at what information they gather from your surfing, and you worry about a few ads in your mailbox? I had to cancel facebook. It was killing me what they knew about me and then targeted my interests.

Don't forget the post office administration is not on your side. They want to cut costs and run the post office like a business instead of a service the constitution gave you in article one, section 8.

Let your congress know you want more service from your post office in this critical economic depression. Here are their emails and addresses. You can contact your state representatives also, and tell them to get the world out.

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Assembly/Current/Assembly/alist.cfm>

<http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>

<http://www.reid.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm>

<http://heck.house.gov/>

<http://amodei.house.gov/>

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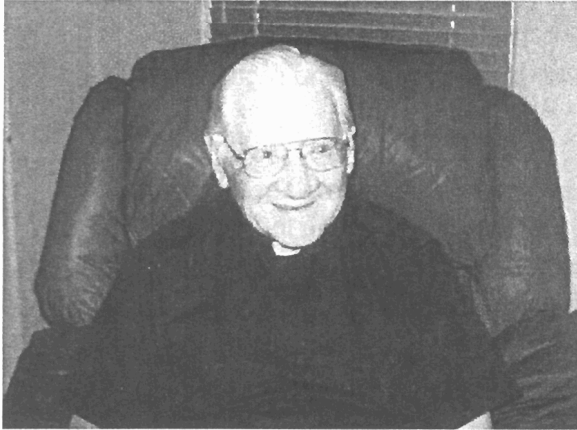
SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES/EVENTS

Email: newsletter@amargosavalley.com

Submissions must be received by the 21st

IN REMEMBRANCE

FRED WHITE: Long time resident of Amargosa, passed away on April 15th. Our condolences go out to his family and many friends.



Father Dominic Morrisette

entered his eternal reward, April 9, 2012, in San Diego, California.

Fr. Dom, or *Fr. Domingo*, was born Jean-Louis Dominic Morrisette, December 20, 1914, in North Yassalboro, Main, to parents Alice and Alfred Morrisette. He was baptized "Dominic Louis" and would become known to all as "Fr. Dom" or "Fr. Domingo". The fourth of six children; three whom were called to a religious vocation, Dominic accepted his calling. In 1928, at the early age of 14, young Dominic entered Eymard Seminary, Suffern, N.Y., where he graduated in 1936. His time here would bring him to study at Maryknoll Seminary, Maryknoll, N.Y., where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1945 and a Master of Religious Education (honorary) degree in 1959. He had always had a Missionary desire.

Fr. Dom was ordained at Maryknoll, N.Y., on June 10, 1945, by Bishop James E. Walsh, MM. He was assigned to Peru and Chili (1945-52), and in Mexico and Guatemala (1952-59) where he was pastor of the Maryknoll parishes. In Mexico, he was Vice-Rector of the Major Seminary for the Foreign Missions.

He received a Master's degree in Romance Languages from the University of Chicago in 1963. Fluent in four languages, French, English, Spanish and Latin, Fr. went on to teach French and Spanish at the Maryknoll Seminary, Glen Ellyn (1958-69). From 1959 to 1969, he was a weekend assistant in various parishes in DuPage County. In the early '60s he pioneered work with the Spanish community in West Chicago, was very active in the Cursillo movement in the Joliet Diocese and was the spiritual director for the first Marriage Encounter in the diocese.

Fr. Dom served as associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Gibson City (1972-78), and director of Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, Onarga, (1978-80). He was pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Gilman, Illinois from 1980 until his retirement in 1984.

Fr. Dom could never really retire. He settled in Southern California and found himself working again as he sought the Hispanic Community in Valley Center and surrounding area. At the age of eighty in a further attempt to retire he moved to Nevada where for eight years he was the Pastor of Christ of the Desert, Catholic Church in Amargosa Valley.

He came to the Nazareth House, San Diego, Ca. in 2008. His life's ambition was to bring others to Christ whether it was through administering the Sacraments, his personal testimonies, insightful counseling or the many sacrifices offered for others. His profound desire to be a Missionary in all aspects of his life was paramount. One could never leave his presence without receiving a personalized, Holy Spirit inspired Blessing.

Even, at the age of 97, Father Dominic continued in his Missionary work. He would say Mass, administer the Sacraments of Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick from his retirement room. He was always affirming, making the other person feel important, appreciated and loved. His gentle demeanor continued to draw others to Christ.

A Rosary and Funeral Mass will be held on April 12, 2012, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Nazareth House Chapel, located at 6333 Rancho Mission Rd. in San Diego. Fr. will be transported to Amargosa Valley, Nevada, for another celebration of life. Here a Rosary is scheduled at 8:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass at 9:00 a.m., at the Christ of the Desert Catholic Church. A Fiesta celebration will follow.

SPACE \$5.00

TABLE \$5.00

TO RESERVE
SPACE CALL
LINDA AT
775-764-0150

PARKING LOT YARD SALE
&
SCHWAN'S FUNDRAISER
AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER
MAY 19TH 10:00- 3:00

HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND SODAS WILL BE AVAILABLE

The Senior Center would like to thank all that donated and those that attended our annual auction and potluck dinner. We are sorry that more people were not able to come. The center made \$1500 from the auction and donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

STAR PARTY



Star Party Friday and Saturday 5/18 and 5/19 Explore the universe at the Hot Springs Resort www.tecopahotsprings.org <<http://tecopahotsprings.org/>> 760-852-4420.

About Tecopa Star Parties - Fall 2011 through Spring 2012

View deep space objects through the eye of an 11" celestron telescope and color MallinCam video camera. Images are projected on screen or displayed on a monitor. Amateur & sometimes expert narration -- explore the universe at Tecopa Hot Springs Resort.

When? After dark. Arrive by dusk so you can orient yourself. We'll be serving up galaxies about an hour after sunset.

Where? Near Pastels Bistro at the historic Tecopa Hot Springs Resort. Bring a small flashlight - red lights preferred, a folding chair, beverages and snacks - or plan to eat at the bistro first.

Cost? Still free, however donations are gladly accepted. Gifts of wood for fire are also appreciated. Star parties are made possible with the generous support of Jason Davis of www.astrochannels.com <<http://astrochannels.com/>> , Death Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Inyo County.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Going Away Party

Jim & Karen Ruffner are leaving the Valley and moving back to Cleveland, Ohio. They have lived here a number of years. There will be a going away party for them at the VFW, May 6 starting at Noon. It's a potluck and everyone is welcome. Come and say farewell to a really nice couple. We may even have a pool tournament in their honor to send them on their way.

RUBY HOLTZ: A few weeks ago Ruby was injured in a fall in Las Vegas. She is recuperating there with family. Please send cards, prayers and good wishes to her for a speedy return to good health and Amargosa. Cards will be forwarded from her address here. HC 69 Box 454, 89020.

Are you new to town or do you know someone who is?

Are you getting married, had a baby or know someone who is?

Is there someone ill that you know needs help, cards, prayers, thoughts and best wishes?

Do you have a special talent or know someone that does and may be willing to share it?

Send information to newsletter@amargosavalley.com or call Pat @ 5401 and let her gather the information.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Our senior center is in dire financial straits and unless this changes our meal program could be shut down. Our savings are shrinking and grant funding is uncertain.

County, state and federal monies have shrunk over the past few years. Sadly, in spite of excellent meals many do not participate by coming down to the center for meals, this lack of interest is a sign to the "powers that be" that we are not really interested in our meal program.

Few attended the recent "auction and potluck" and although money was raised it was by the generosity of a few. Our population is spread over a large area and gas is expensive but that cost could be shared by sharing rides. Call someone and share a ride.

What can you do to help? Show up for meals. Donate to the "Senior Project Council". Come out to fundraisers.

Pat Minshall

FREE INFORMATION, TIPS AND.....

SUMMER IS COMING CHECK YOUR BATTERIES

Summer heat is one of the worst things for your 'cordless tool' batteries. If they're in your garage, now is the time to move them into the house.

HOSPICE CARE INFORMATION

Comfort Hospice Care will present information about their services at 10:00A.M. on May 25 at the Senior Center. Hospice Care provides unified care, not only to the patient, but to the entire family as well.

FREE....30 size 10 "hearing aid" batteries call Pat @ 5401

OSTRICH FARM IN AMARGOSA

Well known "ostricheer" Ron Martin of "United Ostrich Farms" of Mobile, Alabama, and his partner Mark Hurley have started a farm here in Amargosa Valley. The ostrich is a native of Africa but are currently being raised in almost every country. Not to be confused with the "rhea" of South America, or the "emu" of Australia, the ostrich is the largest, flightless bird alive today.

Ron's stock is a cross between the "South African Blacks" and the "Zimbabwe Blues", this cross results in a more docile bird, and a prolific layer, laying over 100 eggs a year. Most of the stock being raised are for "breeders" selling their stock to other farms. Amargosa is a great climate for these birds who tolerate the heat well and like wide open spaces.

The ostrich weigh from 150 to 300 pounds and height varies from 5ft to 9ft. Their necks and legs are bare, they have excellent eye sight and hearing. An ostrich can run up to 43 MPH and an ostrich race is a sight to see. They have 2 toes on each foot and if cornered can lash out with a foot doing significant damage to their opponent. Their life span is 40-45 yrs.

An ostrich egg is the biggest egg of all and it would take 24 chicken eggs to make up it's size. An omelet from 1 egg would feed about 10-12 people; sweet and fluffy.

In the wild the male does most of the incubating but commercially it's usually done in special incubation chambers. At 3 months the ostrich is about 5 ft. tall, it can be bred at 18 months. Virtually all of an ostrich is commercially valuable. Its meat is red, tastes and looks much like steak. It is lower in fat than chicken and steak and high in protein, calcium and iron. In the past the feathers were its most valuable commodity but that has changed over the years.

Its hide, which is bumpy, durable, luxurious is considered one of the strongest and most valuable leathers. Egg's which have been relieved of their contents are prized by craftsmen the world over for painting and carving (the shells are very strong with several layers that allow intricate carving). The ostrich tendon is being used for human transplant; as is the cornea. Ron and Mark sell their breeders as well as "fertilized" eggs which go for \$325. An empty egg will sell for about \$25.

The "Kalahari" people of Africa have and still use this large egg as a canteen and have for centuries. Ron has an extensive knowledge of ostriches that he loves to share. He is willing to give tours but you must call to see if he is available, do not just stop by. Ron's number is "251-960-1330". An incredible bird and a great addition to our valley. Thank you Ron for sharing this wonderful bird with us.

ADVERTISING PRICING FOR NEWSLETTER

1/8 page \$15
1/4 page \$25
1/2 page \$50
Full page \$100

Discounts available for
6 month contract

1-3 lines for garage sales, work needed \$5

Giving something away for free? There is no charge.

Send size and advertising information to newsletter @amargosavalley.com
For further information call Pat Minshall 372-5401

Make checks payable to
"Town of Amargosa"

Mail to: Amargosa Town Office
821 E. Farm Rd.
Amargosa Valley, NV 89020

ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Thursday, May 3rd

9:00 am

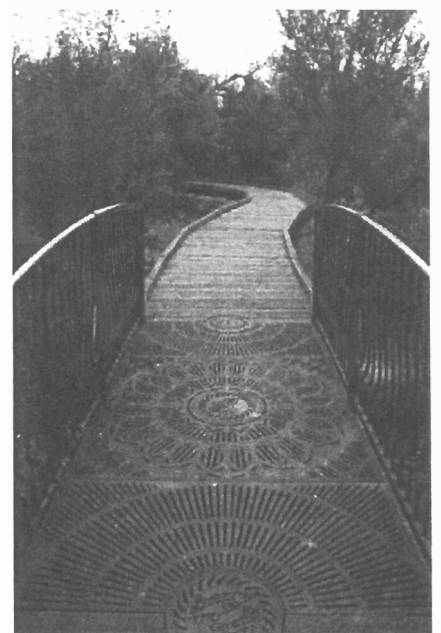
The Amargosa Senior Center invites you to join us at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge for a personal tour along the **Point of Rocks Boardwalk**.

Learn about the history of the area including how Ash Meadows almost became a mini-Pahrump. Watch pupfish frolic in beautiful blue waters while you listen to the birds sing. Did you know there are over 26 species of plants and animals in Ash Meadows that don't exist anywhere else on earth?

A covered picnic area and benches along the way will entice you to sit a spell and enjoy this unique oasis.

To sign up or for more information contact Diane Brigham
775-372-5413. IT'S FREE!

*Enter on Spring Meadows Road off Hwy 373 and follow signs to Point of Rocks.



LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meals served from 4 to 5 p.m. <u>Menu subject to change</u>	1 Spaghetti & Meatballs California Blend Vegetables Minestrone Soup Green Salad Chocolate Cake	2 Cheese Enchiladas Refried Beans Spanish Rice Colorful Salad Baked Cinnamon Custard	3 Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Gravy Brussels Sprouts Layered Salad Peaches	4 Baked Cod or Shrimp Angel Hair Pasta Zucchini Three Bean Salad OrangeSections Chocolate Pudding
7 Hot Turkey Sandwich Broccoli Green Salad Tomatoes Vinaigrette Oatmeal Cookies	8 Italian Beef Bake Peas & Carrots Spinach Salad FF Frozen Vanilla Yogurt	9 Tuna Noodle Casserole Herbed Vegetable Medley Green Salad Cracked Wheat Bread Peanut Cookies	10 Lemon & Herb Chicken Steamed Cauliflower ScallopedPotatoes Salad Applesauce Gingerbread	11 BREAKFAST 9-10:30 a.m. Ham & Cheese Omelet Biscuits/Gravy Hash Browns Sausage Mixed Fruit Coffee, Tea, OJ
14 Spinach Lasagna Garlic Bread Zucchini Salad Cherry/Apricot Granola Cup	15 Pork & Sweet Potato Skillet Steamed Spinach Salad Neapolitan Ice Cream	16 Chicken with Mushroom Sauce Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Salad Birthday Cake	17 Grilled Hamburgers Baked French Fries Deviled Eggs Mixed Relish Tray Apple Pie	18 Fish Tacos Refried Beans Spanish Rice Green Salad Apple and Orange Slices Brownies
21 Southwest Penne and Cheese Carrot and Raisin Salad Zucchini Garlic Bread Ambrosia	22 Baked Salmon Mashed Potatoes Gravy Brussels Sprouts Colorful Salad Bananas Chocolate Chip Cookies	23 Red Beans and Rice Beets in Orange Sauce Romaine Salad WW Bread Fruit Cocktail	24 Swiss Steak Baked Potato Cheese FF Sour Cream Chives Herbed Vegetable Medley Bread Pudding Snacks	25 BREAKFAST ** 9-10:30 a.m. Waffles Scrambled Eggs Bacon Melon Oatmeal Coffee, Tea, OJ
28 CLOSED for Memorial Day	29 French Dip Potato Wedges Broccoli &Cheese Salad Pears	30 Pork Chow Mein Noodles Sautéed Cabbage Romaine Salad Fortune Cookies	31 Chicken Fajitas Ranch Beans Spanish Rice Chopped Spinach Lettuce/Tomato Salad Pineapple Upside- down Cake	**5/25 10 a.m. Informational presentation by Comfort Hospice Care about their services in AV; Q&A to follow